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SUBJECT: DISAGREEMENT PERSISTS BETWEEN NIGERIAN AND SOVIET
STEEL EXPERTS

REF: LAGOS 2200

1. LAGOS-BASED TASS CORRESPONDENT TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 20 THAT THE MEETING OF NIGERIAN, SOVIET, AND FRENCH STEEL EXPERTS IS EXPECTED TO LAST AT LEAST ONE WEEK LONGER THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED, THAT THE NIGERIANS ARE ADAMANT ABOUT AN INCREASE OF PLANT MILL CAPACITY FROM ONE TO 2-1/2 MILLION TONS PER YEAR, AND THAT THE SOVIETS ARE GETTING UNWILLINGLY PMVOLVED IN QUESTIONS OF BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH THE NIGERIANS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PLANNING BUT HAVE NOT. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE SOVIET TEAM TOLD HIM THAT PERM SEC CIROMA'S SPEECH (REFTEL) HAD FAIRLY REFLECTED THE DIFFERENCES EXISTING BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND NIGERIANS.

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2. A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT MARCH 21 SAYS THAT SOME, (UNSTATED) AGREEMENT WAS REACHED DURING THE MEETING MARCH 20 AND THAT A COMMUNIQUE IS EXPECTED, BUT THAT DETAILS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BY THE HEAD OF STATE DURING THE LAUNCHING OF THE THIRD DEVELOPMENT PLAN, PRESUMABLY APRIL 1. THE SAME ARTICLE MENTIONS DISAGREEMENTS OVER MILL CAPACITY, INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING, AND THE TIMING OF CONSTRUCTION AND CONCLUDES THAT THE IRON AND STEEL COMPLEX WILL NOT BE BUILT UNTIL THE 1980-1985 PLAN PERIOD IF THE FMG ADOPTS THE SOVIETS' "FINAL PROPOSAL."

3. AN INDUSTRY SOURCE SAYS THAT HIS INQUIRIES ABOUT THE IRON AND STEEL PROJECT HAVE RECENTLY BEEN TURNED AWAY BY MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES OFFICIALS WITH THE HINT THAT MUCH WILL BE REVEALED WHEN THE 1975-80 PLAN IS PUBLISHED ON OR SHORTLY AFTER APRIL 1.

4. FOR KARACHI. EMBASSY APPRECIATES KARACHI 0506 JUST RECEIVED.
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